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DAMAGES FOR TENANT.

INTERESTING RENTS DECISION.

WITNESS FINED \$50.

An interesting decision affecting the rights of a tenant under the Rents Ordinance was given by the Pui-sun Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) in the Summary Court today. The parties were Ho Hin-yuk (plaintiff) and Ma Kee-sun (defendant). In giving judgment His Honour said—

"The plaintiff was the tenant of two floors in Mercer Street, Victoria, and he claims against the defendant who is the landlord:

(1) For a declaration that plaintiff is the tenant of the premises.

(2) For an order that plaintiff be allowed to resume full possession of the premises at the completion of the repairs.

(3) For damages for breach of covenant for quiet enjoyment.

By communications on various dates commencing on 1st of August, 1921, the defendant gave notice to the plaintiff to quit the premises. Some of these communications purported to be from the defendant himself, others were from his architect or other representatives. The letter dated 25th September, 1922, was signed by the defendant's architect and purported to be a notice under Section 4 (1) (f) of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, stating that it was intended to reconstruct the premises as a new building. The plaintiff objected to leave the premises without an undertaking that he would be allowed to reoccupy upon completion of reconstruction. This was refused and the plaintiff continued in occupation. Various letters were sent to the plaintiff notifying the commencement of alterations. Finally on 28th February, 1923, the defendant commenced to pull down the building which by reason of these operations became unfit for habitation.

The plaintiff thereupon left the premises. On March 1 the plaintiff's solicitors, Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, wrote to the defendant's architect requesting inspection of the plans. Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, on examining the plans, discovered that the reconstruction intended was not such as to make the tenement a new building under Section 4 and that the notice to quit under that Section was therefore invalid. They so informed the defendant by letter on March 2. On March 3 the tenant returned to the premises and slept there on the night of the 3rd and 4th March. The landlord had no knowledge of this occupation.

The position now is briefly as follows: The plaintiff has been driven out of the premises by the defendant's rebuilding operations which made it impossible for him to remain in the house.

It is agreed that the notices were given and the operations undertaken in good faith—so that Section 20 which deals with *malis fides* does not apply. But, as now appears, the notices were in fact void under the Ordinance and the defendant has no right to disturb the tenant in his possession as he has done. What are then the tenant's rights—has he lost his possession? And, if so, can he be reinstated?

In my opinion his possession is gone—he can no longer claim the protection accorded to a statutory tenant by the Ordinance. I cannot accept the position that he left the premises he intended to retain possession. True, he left some of his furniture on the premises. But in my opinion this was for his own convenience and probably because he had at the time no place to go. Again he returned and slept two nights in the house after he had left. But his solicitors had by that time explained his legal position and he was anxious, naturally, to assert any right he might possess.

Very significant, in my opinion, is the fact that he made no tender or offer of payment of rent before leaving, although his rent was payable in advance and was therefore actually due at the time of his quitting. In my opinion, he did not intend to pay rent until he could again resume possession, as he undoubtedly hoped to do later on. On the facts then, I conclude that he gave up possession and is no longer a tenant in actual occupation, actually or constructively, and there is no power to reinstate him. Can he, then, recover damages for breach of the covenant for quiet enjoyment?

Here again I think that he fails. True, the landlord's hopes were bad, under the Statute but they were, I think, good at common law—they terminated the tenancy and put an end to the tenant's common law rights.

There is some doubt whether a covenant for quiet enjoyment is implied on a monthly tenancy. But it does not, I think, attach to a purely statutory tenancy—as this one was on February 28. When the common law tenancy goes the covenant goes too. There is, however, a remedy open to the tenant. He has a right to complain of the trespass to his possession by which he was driven out of the house and lost his tenancy. See a recent case (Crane v. Ford), 1922, 1 K.B. 664.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

RIVAL TEAMS COMPARED.

The Shanghai vs. Hongkong interport cricket match will commence in Shanghai to-morrow. Shanghai's team has now been selected and the following players will represent the Northern port:—

Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, H. B. Ollerodsen, Quayle, H. W. Allison, A. A. Claxton, D. W. Leach, W. N. Hancock, H. E. Muriel, A. W. Hayward, Isaac and Beck.

The Hongkong team called from here by the s.s. "President Grant" and is composed of:—

T. E. Pearce (capt.), Hongkong Cricket Club, G. K. Sayer, Civil Service Cricket Club, L. J. Davies, Hongkong Cricket Club, Rev. E. K. Quick, University, A. A. Rumpah, University, H. Owen Hughes, Hongkong Cricket Club, A. B. Wood, Civil Service Cricket Club, U. M. Omar, Craigengower, R. H. Wild, Hongkong Cricket Club, F. N. Young, Hongkong Cricket Club, Captain E. R. S. Dods, Infantry and H. N. Balhatchet (twelfth man), University.

There are not many new names in Shanghai's team and a strong combination has been got up against Hongkong. It is interesting to note that Claxton has represented Hongkong and Singapore previously and has thus established the record of playing for three ports. With his knowledge of our batsmen he should do well behind the sticks. Muriel is also a former Hongkong man, having been one of the opening Club batsmen for several seasons. Of the others, Capt. Barrett and Ollerodsen are interport veterans, while Allison the fast bowler, Leach the all-rounder who has always done well against Hongkong and Hayward are all known to Hongkong cricket enthusiasts. Of the four bowlers who contributed to Hongkong's defeat here last November, Billings, O'Hara and T. W. R. Wilson are not playing, so Hongkong faces a practically new attack.

On paper the Northern team is relatively stronger and should retain the flag captured last year but if the Hongkong men play their best and are helped by the uncertainties of the game there is just a chance of their bringing back the flag.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

HOLLAND'S 8TH INDUSTRIAL FAIR.

This Fair which was held at Utrecht from March 13 to 22 was characterized by exceptionally good business. An animated tone prevailed and there was an evident desire to buy, which was partly due to the almost entire absence of direct German representation at the fair. The number of participants amounted to 706 against 539 at the 7th fair. Holland was represented by 427 exhibitors, Germany by 146, England by 43, Belgium by 22, France by 17, the United States by 15 and Switzerland by 12. Several other countries sent a couple of exhibits only. China and Japan were not represented.

The next fair of international character will be held at Utrecht from September 11 to 20, 1923.

The plaintiff has included no claim for trespass on his writ. But I have given him leave to amend so as to put forward this claim.

On the question of damages I have this before me that the tenant, who has a large family, has been driven out of his house. Up to the date of hearing he had not been able to get the accommodation he needed. Such accommodation is notoriously difficult to find.

I think that he is entitled to substantial damages and I award him \$500. This does not carry costs for the amendment was not made till the hearing had terminated. The defendant must therefore have his costs of the action.

There is one matter which I must mention here. When the defendant was called to give evidence at the hearing a man went into the box who gave the name of the defendant and was sworn in that name. When cross-examined he persisted that he was the defendant. But on being further pressed he admitted that he was not really the defendant, whose surname is Ma, but the defendant's partner, whose surname is Lau. I have intimated to the defendant's solicitor that I desire to see this man Lau before the Court.

Impersonation Punished.

After he had finished reading his judgment the Pui-sun Judge directed that the man Lau Yuk Sang who had posed as the plaintiff should be put into the witness box.

Tell him," His Honour instructed the interpreter, "that he came here and went into the witness box and gave his name as Ma. When he was cross-examined he still said his name was Ma." Lau acknowledged that this was so.

"But, His Honour," you are an educated man—are you not?" "Witness," Yes, but at the time I did not know the law. I thought that as I was a partner of the man I could impersonate him." "His Honour," It is impossible to do that. I shall fine you \$50, or six weeks imprisonment."

BURGLAR AGAIN.

J. T. SHAW'S PREMISES.

THIEVES' \$3,000 HAUL.

For the second time since Messrs. J. T. Shaw and Co., Gentlemen's Outfitters, moved into premises at Beaconsfield Arcade, they have fallen an easy prey to burglars.

Last night the premises were entered from an alley-way in course of construction as a shop for Ramsey and Co. on the eastern side of the building occupied by Messrs. Shaw and Co. The lock on an iron grille, protecting the window in the rear of the building, was forced. Besides this the bottom pane of the window was broken and the window bolt pulled back.

Once entry was made the burglars appear to have gone to work most systematically as only most valuable bales of cloth were stolen. An inspection of top-hats, dress collars and socks evidently took place, but none are missing, so presumably the Chinese Bill Sykes is a difficult man to please when it comes to style in ready-made articles. The burglars left by the way they had entered, but apparently were disturbed before all the "swag" was removed. At any rate, three bundles of remnants were found behind the store this morning. The total loss is computed to be \$3,000.

Messrs. Shaw & Co. employ an Indian watchman to guard their premises during the night. This man swears he heard not a sound within the premises during the time he was on duty. The robbery was not discovered until the store was opened this morning, when the counter was a perfect jumble of gentlemen's apparel.

CHINA COAST.

LATEST SHIPPING CHANGES.

Mr. J. S. G. Brown, chief officer, "Chinkiang," has gone chief officer, "Chengtu."

Mr. N. Hardie, chief officer, "Chengtu," has gone chief officer, "Sinkiang." Mr. S. M. Barling, chief officer, "Kaying," in on reserve.

Mr. J. M. Stewart, second officer, "Kaying," has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. L. W. Harrison, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kaying." Mr. W. B. Thomas, chief officer, "Kwangchow," is on reserve.

Mr. T. Johnstone, chief officer, "Fatsan," has gone chief officer, "Kwangchow."

Mr. W. Dickinson, chief officer, "Chinhua," has gone chief officer, "Fatsan."

Mr. W. J. Chipper, second officer, "Taming," has gone second officer, "Fatsan." Mr. J. N. Beach has been appointed second officer, "Taming."

Mr. C. C. Lawrence, second officer, "Liangchow," has gone second officer, "Kaiyuan."

Mr. D. R. McAlpine, second officer, "Kaiyuan," has gone second officer, "Liangchow."

Mr. W. A. McDonald has been appointed supply second officer, "Fengtien."

Mr. G. W. Matthews, second engineer, "Hsin Peking," has gone second engineer, "Chengtu."

Mr. C. Doanally, second engineer, "Chengtu," is on reserve.

Mr. L. A. Macfarlane, third engineer, "Liangchow," has gone third engineer, "Fengtien."

Mr. J. Reay, third engineer, "Woosung," has gone third engineer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. W. C. Ruxton, third engineer, "Whangpu," has gone second engineer, same ship.

Mr. G. Henderson, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Woosung."

Captain J. Campbell, from leave, has gone master, "Hopsang."

Mr. R. C. Thompson, acting master, "Hopsang," has gone, acting master, "Esang."

Mr. W. M. Ryden, acting master, "Esang," is on reserve.

Mr. D. Summers, second officer, "Kingsing," has gone supply second officer, "Kingsing."

Mr. J. B. Robson has been appointed supply second officer, "Loongwo."

Mr. G. S. Johnson has been appointed supply second officer, "Lienho."

Mr. D. G. Cairns, from leave, has gone second officer, "Kingsing."

LINCHENG, OUTRAGE.

BANDITS' DEMAND OBEYED.

PEKING, May 14.

The Civil Governor of Shantung wired to the Government reporting that the bandits had returned.

They stated that the bandits persisted in their demand that the troops withdraw, and accordingly Wu Chang-chih's brigade and the local protection troops withdrew as far as the villages Woshunkou and Machung.

The Governor of Shantung says that as he is complying with the bandits' demand, there is no reason why the captives should not be released.

TAOCHUANG, May 14.

The Military Governor of Shantung, Tien Chun-yu, who arrived here this morning, says he intends to stay until the prisoners are released.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

WEST RIVER PERILS.

"TAMING" TRYING AGAIN.

The s.s. "Taming" will make another endeavour to reach Wuchow and leave Hongkong to-day for Samshui. From that port onwards she will be escorted by a British gunboat.

On the West River, the situation remains practically the same.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory by the local American consulate general at 5:00 a.m. to-day:—

"Low pressure area extending from the China Sea to the Pacific across northern Luzon and the Balintag Channel. A real typhoon may develop later."

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory by the local American Consulate General, Hongkong, at 2:30 p.m. to-day:—

Typhoon in about 120 deg. Long. E. 21 deg. Lat. N. direction unknown.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG HIDE & LEATHER CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG HIDE & LEATHER CO., LTD. will be held at 97/99 Lees Vaux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th DAY OF MAY, 1923, at 12 Noon, when the following Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 14th day of May, 1923, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution, namely:—

A.—That 51,656 of the unissued shares of \$10. be divided into 129,140 shares of \$4. each.

B.—That the Capital of the Company be divided into two classes of shares namely 48,344 ordinary "A" shares of \$10. each and 129,140 ordinary "B" shares of \$4. each and that the provisions thereof have effect, that is to say:—

(1) The ordinary "A" shares aforesaid shall be those shares which are numbered 1 to 48,344 inclusive and one additional \$10. share which if and when issued shall be numbered 48,344.

(2) The ordinary "B" shares aforesaid shall be those unissued shares of \$4. each which will, when issued be numbered 48,345 to 177,485 inclusive.

(3) The said ordinary "B" shares shall as from the date on dates of issue fully paid rank equally with the said ordinary "A" shares as regards dividend and transmissibility conference of rights to vote and distribution of assets in the event of winding up.

(4) If the Company shall be wound up the surplus assets shall be distributed as nearly as may be among the members in proportion to the number of shares held by them at the commencement of the winding up. But this clause is to be without prejudice to the rights of the holders of shares issued upon special terms and conditions.

C.—That the Articles of Association be amended by the deletion of clauses 107 and 126 thereof.

D.—To consider the election of, and to elect further Directors or Directors.

By Order of the Board.

E. PEPPERELL, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, May 15, 1923.

WHAT IS SUNCRUSH ORANGE

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY the 23rd May, 1923 at 11:00 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th April 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from FRIDAY the 18th day of May to THURSDAY the 24th day of May 1923, both days inclusive.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, May 15, 1923.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICES.

THE OLD COURSE at Fanling will be closed from 5th June 1923, until further notice.

The Ladies Club House at Fanling will be closed from 5th June 1923, until further notice.

The upper floor of the Men's Club House at Fanling will be reserved for Ladies during 9 a.m. to 6.15 p.m. daily.

All meals will be served in the Dining Room of the Men's Club House.

By Order.
PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,
Secretaries and Treasurers.
Hongkong, May 15, 1923.

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THE Steamship "WEST KADE" / "WEST JESSE" having arrived from above ports, Consignees are requested to present their Bills of Lading in exchange for Delivery Orders, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer.

All cargo not taken delivery from steamer by 15th May, 1923, will be loaded into the hold of the steamer and all goods remaining undelivered after 21st May, 1923, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer or godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 21st May, 1923, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 27th May, 1923, or they will not be recognised.

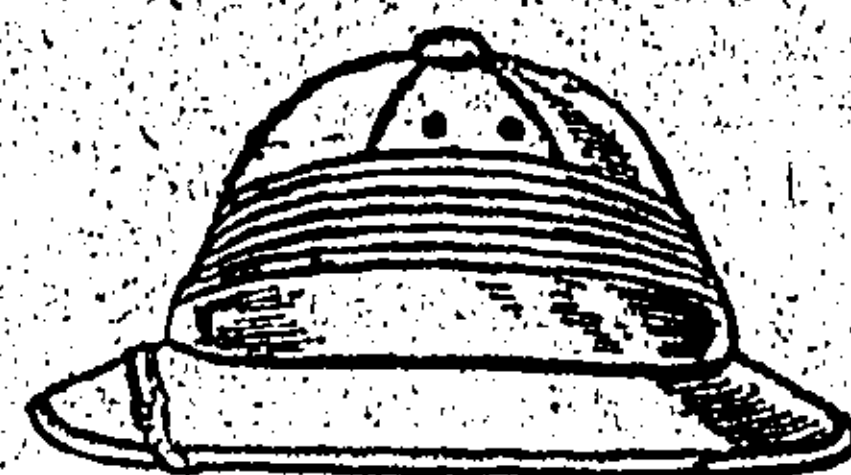
No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

ARNHOLD & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, May 15, 1923.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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WHITSUNDAY HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

WHIT SUNDAY, 10th May: "SUI AN" leaves Hongkong at 8 a.m. and returns from Macao at 4 p.m.
WHIT MONDAY, 11th May.

Further information may be obtained at the Company's Office, 4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Messrs. TONG GOOT & SON, or the American Express Company, Hongkong.

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A MUSICAL TREAT.

MR. HARRY ORE'S PUPILS' RECITAL.

An appreciative audience, which included Lady Stubbs and Mr. Eric Rice, Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor, was present at St. John's Cathedral Hall last evening, by invitation of Mr. Harry Ore, whose pupils gave a pianoforte recital. From the first to the last number, the performers received quite an ovation before leaving the platform—an ovation which was thoroughly deserved as one and all gave ample evidence of skill in playing pieces by no means easy even to those of mature years.

Coriolanus (Beethoven) exquisitely rendered by Miss A. Remedios and Mr. H. Ore was only a foretaste of the good things in store. Miss S. Gain gave a tasteful rendering of Barcarolle (Scherzavka) followed by Valse (Brahms) and Scherzo (Mendelssohn), which were played with equal precision. Miss J. Thornhill and the Maestro with a duet by Volkmann were warmly applauded, after which Miss Thornhill gave a charming rendering of Scherzino (Moszkovsky) and Souvenir (Drdla).

Miss R. Wong and Mr. Ore gave an especially pleasing interpretation of Krakowiak (Moszkovsky), Chopin's Variations on German air by Miss Wong, which followed, being very finished performance. After Miss H. Irving and Mr. Ore had obliged with the duets Oriental Picture (Schumann) and Berceuse (Roger Ducasse), Miss Irving—though at one time in difficulties—gave a clever exposition of the Negro's Dance (Cyril Scott). The sixth number was Cortege (Moszkovsky) a duet in which Miss R. Mow Fung and Mr. Ore showed perfect harmony. Miss Fung then displayed her skill as a pianist by an almost perfect performance in Chopin's Nocturne in C Minor. Andante and Finale from I Sonata (Beethoven) was the delightful offering that Miss A. Remedios had in store for her audience and she met with a great reception.

Miss A. Baptista was happy in her choice of Song Without Words No. 14 (Mendelssohn) and Maiden's Wish (Chopin-Liszt) both of which she played with much grace and ability. Miss M. Nicholl gave a correct and sympathetic rendering of Menuet (Gluck-Saint-Saens), Scherzo (Beethoven) and Les Collines d'Anacapri (Debussy). Miss M. Gomes was the last of the pupils to display her talents and her interpretation of La Villanelle fr. XVI Cent. (Respighi) and Jeux d'eau bore ample testimony to her musical proficiency. The final number was Second Lullaby (Rachinsky op. 7 (H. Ore) played by the author himself, which it will be realized signifies that the audience were given a real musical treat.

TAIKOO RIFLE CLUB.

CLOSING SHOOT HELD.

The Taikoo Rifle Club held a closing shoot on Sunday at Quarry Bay. A good attendance of members and representatives of Rifle Clubs in the Colony attended. A spoon shoot was held, captained by Messrs. J. Reid and D. Templeton. After the shooting, Mr. G. T. Edkins (President) presented the prizes won during the season.

The following are the scores of the team shoot—10 shots only we fired at 200 yards and 500 yards.

MR. REID'S TEAM.

Mr. C. H. Summers	46	47	93
Mr. R. Wallace	44	47	91
Mr. F. C. Goodman	41	45	86
Mr. D. B. Bone	44	40	84
Mr. Y. Grimshaw	41	42	83
Mr. S. A. Parkes	38	43	81
Mr. H. McGuigan	45	32	77

MR. TEMPLETON'S TEAM.

Mr. T. Swan	42	46	88
Mr. R. J. Goodman	44	43	87
Mr. H. C. Brodie	45	42	87
Mr. A. M. Pritchard	42	40	82
W. J. Eldridge	40	41	81
Mr. R. W. Martin	39	31	70
Mr. A. E. Farrell	22	23	45

THE TEACHER'S BATTLE.

EDUCATION AND FALSE ECONOMY.

The teacher might be very well excused if he were to say of education in this country, *C'est moi*—which is virtually the charge brought by some critics of his. Easter Conferences, says the *Observer*. His zeal and perseverance are the one steady factor that has never failed the cause of progress. Public opinion at large has rarely got beyond a suspicious neutrality. It is only lately that Governments have given up sending to the Education Office whoever could not be fitted in elsewhere. There have been transient champions in the official world and sporadic enthusiasts outside. But it is the teacher's ideal and interest in his work that have steadily conquered the ground. And in fighting for his ideals, because he knows that a higher economic standard will attract a higher standard of attainment in the recruiting of his profession, and that its work will in the long run be better done.

There are very few callings indeed which are qualified to throw stones at the teacher on the score of class selfishness. He is only just emerging from his long purgatory of disparagement and underpayment, and he feels that if he should slip back, education may slip along with him. In many cases the two issues are inextricably joined. When a teacher is called upon to undertake unwieldy classes, the injustice to himself and to the children is co-extensive. They have their common enemy in the type of mind—still flourishing and widespread—which is sceptical on the advantage of educating the mass of the community at all and on every practical opportunity gives its pocket the benefit of the doubt.

Considering everything, it is rather wonderful that the collective activities to teachers should be so idealistic as they are. Those who ask for a standard of perfection in this matter must wait until the security of education has found stronger buttresses in public opinion and political practice. Relieve the teacher of the misgiving that a wave of purblind "economy" may engulf himself and cripple the work of his profession, all his Conferences will be no more pre-occupied with salaries, pensions, and so forth than are those of lawyers or medical men. As it is, they are most fruitful in the collation of experience, the expansion of outlook, and the advance of technical appliances. If they do not always distract popular attention from the competitive interests of divorce and crime, that criticism is scarcely to their address!

CRICKET.

CHALLENGE FROM SWATOW.

The Swatow Recreation Club have sent a challenge to the Hongkong Cricket Club to send up a Cricket Team over the Whitsun Holidays. In addition to cricket, there will most likely be "inter" sports, soccer, tennis and billiards. On the last occasion when the Hongkong Cricket Club sent up a side, about twelve years ago, they lost a Flag to Swatow. The H.K.C.C. are now going to try and recover their lost prestige by bringing back a Swatow Flag. The team that is representing Hongkong is—

F. J. R. Mitchell (capt.) E. G. Bugland, Lt. E. G. Hoar R.M.L.I., Dr. Macgown, W. W. Mackenzie, Lt. Com. R. D. Paffard, A. B. Raworth, H. Spicer, Capt. D. K. Wahl, M. M. Watson, R. E. A. Webster.

The team departs on the s.s. *Haihong* on Friday 18th May, returning by the *Haihing* due here at daylight on Wednesday 23rd instant.

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THE "RUMBOS"

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SECRET RITES TO BACCHUS.

"There are five reasons why men drink," and at Bondi (Sydney) on a stifling midsummer's night two years ago a perspiring young man thought of all of them. The first, and most important, is that man must drink to keep cool. The second, that drink promoted sociability. The third and a logical one, that drink was as old as the world and was intended to be drunk. The fourth that drink taken in a spirit of sociability created optimism and the fifth and most charitable, that if there was a drinking society an institution might be erected for destitute publicans out of the funds.

At any rate taken collectively, those reasons were regarded as a wonderful inspiration by the thinker. In a week he became president of the Rumbos Club—an extraordinary secret society founded solely for the purpose of drinking. In less than a fortnight the name of the Rumbos Club was familiar to hundreds of Bondi residents. But that was all they really knew—its name. Now, however, its secrets hidden for so long have been disclosed unintentionally, too. Otherwise, like the secrets of King Tutankhamen's tomb, they may not have been discovered for thousands of years.

Strangely, although it was called the Rumbos Club, its numbers (the Rumbos) numbering nearly forty, did not drink rum. They drank just plain beer. But "Rumbos Club" sounded much more impressive.

The presidency was a foregone conclusion, of course, for the man who had founded the society. But then there was a special election for a treasurer, a secretary, an official beer-taster, an official bottle-opener, and a trusted committee to protect supplies. Unlike the Ku Klux Klan, the Rumbos did not thirst for blood, but they had a thirst almost as powerful. Hence the necessity for the trusted committee.

The fee for attendance at a meeting was extortionate, and full return, to the fraction of a pint, was made for the money. Absolute harmony always prevailed, and there was perfect understanding of what was meant though words were never spoken. Signs, at any rate were noisy.

The night of initiation was a memorable one. The innocent candidate for admission was quite unexpectedly baptised with beer, or "sconorous," as the Rumbos called it. His hair was combed and parted, and remained parted by becoming sticky and stiff. Then on his head he was placed a bottle of "sconorous," and he was a proud but discreet Rumbos.

No member could hold an official ceremony by himself. Two at least must be present. But it is whispered that the number of unofficial ceremonies was beyond calculation. These offenders were punished by being compelled to miss one meeting. Planned to perfection by nearly forty heads, nodding in agreement, the meeting places were in long, regular rows in the park at the back of the beach. As a matter of fact, they were ordinary tree-guards. Is it any wonder that the Rumbos could never definitely be located? Who would suspect a tree guard?

And to make doubly sure of privacy, the Rumbos met at different tree-guard each night. The rows of tree-guards were referred to as the floors of a building. The row nearest the beach was the first floor. Then came the second floor, and so on. Each tree-guard had a number, and was spoken of as a room. When the president called a meeting he merely announced a certain floor and a certain room. The Rumbos were punctually on the spot.

The society's handshake prevented any mistake in identity. The password was: "Rumbos Brother!" The president had the power, but the taster's duty was regarded as much the better. The taster, usually, had a dozen large sips more than anyone else.

And then, when the meeting ended, what a sight the stream of unsteady Rumbos made! But they were ever cautious. Not a single betraying bottle was found after the ceremony. The empties were buried, it is said.

For two years, through summer and winter, the Rumbos Club carried on, mysterious and active, until the recent calamity. The president refused. Is there another president? Would he be accepted? Perhaps the president, in his quiet way, is merely visiting another club to organise a branch of the society, and will soon return.

It is the only hope for the destitute publicans—*is there a sign?*

THE FIRST LAP.

HOME PARLIAMENTARY MARATHON.

UNCERTAIN PROSPECT.

London, April 6. The first stage of the Parliamentary session, from the beginning to Easter, is very much like the first lap round a stadium in a long race, writes Reuters' Parliamentary Editor. Critical observers can get an idea of the prospects of the various competitors, and these themselves can appreciate how they are doing and what are their chances in the long struggle.

It is feared that this examination of the position will give little cause for satisfaction to any of the entrants for the Parliamentary Marathon and it will still leave the critics puzzled. No competitor is doing so well that he can feel the prize is his and his main ground of hope lies not in his own strength and capacity but in the weakness of his rivals.

At the general election the Government secured a majority larger than was anticipated and, with "tranquillity" as the main in its programme and, with the Opposition groups more or less quiescent, it might have hoped for a peaceful and easy session. The Session has not been easy or peaceful and in the early months of its existence the Government sustained a series of rebuffs for which there is no precedent in political history. Three Ministers who were unsuccessful in the general election failed to secure return in by-elections in constituencies which had been carefully selected. An appearance of indifference towards the housing problem is generally held responsible for this run of disasters and perhaps the result might have been different if the problem had been tackled in the spirit which is now displayed.

From another point of view the defeats were particularly unfortunate. Mr. Bonar Law has only limited reserves from which to draft recruits to the Government Bench and that bench is noticeably weaker than when the Ministry was first formed. The general effect of the changes which have had to be made in consequence of the defeats of the three Ministers is that the "Diehard" element in the Government has become more pronounced. At the famous dinner given by Lord Birkenhead to Lord Balfour and the other Conservative members of the Coalition Government, who have stood aloof from Mr. Bonar Law, this growing influence of the "Diehard" element is reputed to have been the subject of unfavourable comment. Whether this be true or not, it is the fact that the Coalition Conservatives have shown no signs of throwing in their lot with Mr. Bonar Law, and the confident prediction that the ex-Ministers would be found in the Government by Easter has been falsified by the event. There is, indeed, no indication of any rapprochement.

The resentment occasioned by the break-up of the Coalition still rankles. According to all accounts the Coalition Conservatives still feel that they were badly treated by Mr. Bonar Law and Lord Curzon and the bitter onslaught by Lord Birkenhead on Lord Salisbury—one of the most polished pieces of invective which has delighted parliamentarians for many a long day—marks it indelibly that the ex-Ministers should be associated with the Government as it is at present constituted.

The Conservative ex-Ministers are not overtly hostile to the Government, but their general attitude towards Mr. Bonar Law is not put any higher by Mr. Austen Chamberlain than "not unfriendly." Another factor in a complicated position is the health of the Prime Minister. His brief rest at Easter has enabled him to get rid of the cold which has dogged him persistently ever since the election and which rendered him voiceless just before the Easter adjournment, but his friends are uneasy as to the effect of the strain of the session on his general health.

If, with the Ruhr, budget difficulties and the awkward housing question, the Government is far from comfortable, Ministers can console themselves with the reflection that none of the Opposition groups is quite happy. Liberal reunion still hangs fire and the last move by Mr. Asquith in rejecting the idea of a consultative Committee which should work out a common line of action for the two Liberal groups in the House of Commons, and in refusing to appear on the same platform as Mr. Lloyd George, has disappointed the friends of reunion. If there is feeling between the Conservative ex-Ministers and the Government, which led to the formation of the second coalition, still have an embittering influence. The Liberal group, as the result of the Liberal Party's vote in the House of Commons, will be a split in the Liberal Party, and the Conservative and Labour would gain new and interpreted strength.

HOME TRADE.

MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co. Ltd., Manchester, reported as follows on Wednesday April 11.

The recent slump in cotton prices has given way to a fresh upward movement which has lifted American spot and near months more than 1d per lb. Various influences have contributed to this strength but chief among them have probably been the increased sales of actual cotton at Liverpool and weekly statistics showing an exceptionally heavy fall in the visible supplies of American cotton. These factors together with continued unfavourable reports as to the new American crop progress have led to a renewal of bullish sentiment in the United States and speculators have quickly forced prices up. In spite of the heaviness of the advance however the markets show a sensibility to minor influences which amounts to nervousness and fairly wide fluctuations have taken place.

The better spot sales at Liverpool have been chiefly due to increased Continental buying and not to any revival of activity in our local industry. These sharp fluctuations in the raw material are in fact totally against any development of trading here but as yet it remains a question whether lack of confidence is responsible for the recent falling off of demand or whether cotton is too high for any weight of business to be done.

There is no improvement in the near future in Lancashire—it is difficult to see how the present advance can be maintained as some recent reports state American spinners have covered their needs for some time. There has been practically no change in the state of the Manchester market. A fairly good enquiry has been in evidence but offers are few and generally far below present prices. No bulk business has been arranged, only small lots of a very miscellaneous character and at very low rates going through. Spinners maintain a very firm attitude and prices are advanced 1/4d to 1d per lb. India enquiry is fair and of considerable variety but buyers fail to appreciate that prices are higher than they have been for some time. China has bought a few greys, whites and fancies. Java, Singapore, South America and the African Markets have done but a small varied trade. Egypt and the Levant are more active.

Judge Arthur O'Connor, who has died at the age of seventy-eight, was one of the old guards of the Irish Nationalists in the stormy '80's.

The King has approved of the appointment of Sir Ralph Anstruther, of Balaskie, to be Lord Lieutenant of the county of Fife, in place of the late Sir William Robertson.

National Liberals proclaim with equal confidence that the only thing which prevents reunion is personal pique and spite. It is suggested that Mr. Asquith himself is ready for reunion but is held back by "domestic influences" and by the little knot of politicians who control the party organisation. On the other side there is also distrust and it is hinted that if Mr. Lloyd George became one of the leaders of the party he would range his new army in alliance with the progressive Unionists and there would be another Coalition. The philosophic members of both groups are content to await developments and are convinced reunion will come naturally when an issue arises which genuinely divides all Liberals from the supporters of Mr. Bonar Law.

While all these movements are going on behind the scenes the Labour Party makes a brave show in the House and has justified its title to be considered the Opposition. If some sections of it are inclined to be noisy, it has on the whole, shown considerable parliamentary skill and is quickly adapting itself to its novel surroundings under the shrewd guidance of Mr. Ramsey MacDonald, an experienced Parliamentarian who knows how to make the best of a Parliamentary situation. But he, too, has his difficulties. The Labour party is not homogeneous and the proceedings at the independent Labour Party Conference, in London, give the on-lookers an idea of the troubles which beset Mr. MacDonald's leadership. There have been complaints of "dictatorship" and some of the fervent spirits of the party do not always appreciate his strategy, but Mr. MacDonald has so far kept his party together and his authority has not yet been challenged. He has the satisfaction of knowing that the future of his party will determine the fortunes of the non-Socialist parties and a succession of Labour victories may produce new combinations, limited to reform, which might be regarded as the advance of Socialism, while the Labour Party, as a result of the new combinations, would be a split in the Labour Party, and the Conservative and Labour would gain new and interpreted strength.

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EINSTEIN AGAIN.

REPORTED WONDERFUL NEW DISCOVERY.

Professor Einstein, according to the *New Free Press* of Vienna, states that during his recent voyage in the Indian Ocean, he made a discovery which will create an even greater sensation than the relativity theory.

It deals with the connection between gravitation and terrestrial magnetism. The discovery was the result of an investigation of the properties of amber—*Exchange*. Einstein, under the relativity theory, has explained gravitation as due to the curvature of space and not to the action of some special, as the mysterious agent, and his explanation has been confirmed. He suddenly realised again the relation between gravitation and the ill-reputed magnetism, the cause of the earth's magnetic field, acting on a weak heart was the cause of death.

Terrestrial magnetism is no less mysterious than gravitation. The present theory regarding it is that the earth itself is one huge magnet, with a great central mass of metal, and that the magnetic disturbances and aurore which take place near its surface are due to electrical emissions from the sun, or possibly to some yet unknown force in the universe.

The existence of electricity was first discovered by rubbing amber, and it will be curious if a new analysis of the properties of amber leads to a fresh discovery of such importance as the *New Free Press* suggests. As Mr. E. H. Rutherford, of Rochester, was about to commence judging the Old English sheep show at the Agricultural Society's show, he suddenly realised again the relation between gravitation and the ill-reputed magnetism, the cause of the earth's magnetic field, acting on a weak heart was the cause of death.

SLEEP WALKING.

AMAZING FEATS PERFORMED BY SOMNAMBULISTS.

What strange, weird things have been done by persons while asleep! Doctors and brain specialists have been puzzled by these extraordinary accomplishments, and candidly confess their inability to give a satisfactory explanation of them, writes "J.H.V." in the *Weekly Scotsman*.

The latest case to attract public attention was the tragic fate which recently befell the young daughter of an East Ham doctor, who left her bedroom in a state of somnambulism. She appears then to have walked downstairs, made her way to her father's surgery (a room she had never entered in her life before), where, while still in sleep, she drank something out of a cup she had taken with her. In the morning her mother found her dead on the floor.

These tragic facts were brought out at the inquest, when the girl's father told the Coroner that his daughter had once before had an attack of sleep-walking, and was subject to fits. A verdict of death from syncope was returned, caused by the shock of suddenly awakening from a state of somnambulism. A peculiarly pathetic feature of the case was that the girl was to have been married a fortnight later.

In fits of somnambulism the sleep-walker usually goes through actions that have occupied his, or her, mind previous to sleeping. Thus there is hardly anything that a sleep-walker has not been known to do. They have been known to walk along dangerous parapets and precipices without harm. Unhappily, they do not always manage to steer clear of danger. Accounts of somnambulists who have fallen out of windows are not infrequently met with in the newspapers. Not long ago a lady was known to leave her bed while asleep, and to walk into the sea, where she was drowned. Last summer an extraordinary Alpine accident occurred in Geneva. A young farmer, who was subject to somnambulism, walked out of his house in his night attire, and in his sleep climbed the mountain above the hamlet of Marbach. He fell over a precipice 320 feet high into a torrent, and was killed.

PERCHED ON A SPIRE.

Generally speaking, however, one is almost tempted to think that a special providence guards and guides sleep-walkers in some of their freakish and amazing escapades. How else can one account for the immunity from sudden death of the young Ayrshire lad who actually had the temerity to scale the Parish Church steeple? Waking he would never have dared to think of such a mad feat; in his sleep he actually did it, without injury to himself, to the immense relief of some workmen who, on the way to their employment, were astounded to see someone perched on such a giddy eminence.

Then there was a certain young Nimrod, who rose out of bed, dressed himself in riding costume, climbed down from his bedroom window (a by no means easy accomplishment), and got astride a high brick wall, which he spurred vigorously as if it had been a horse! Another descended a deep well in his sleep, but returned immediately on touching the water. Water, however, had no terrors for the Irish gentleman, whose almost incredible case is related by a well-known physician. This somnambulist son of Erin not only entered water, but swam more than two miles down a river, got ashore, and was subsequently discovered sleeping by the roadside, altogether unconscious of the extraordinary feat he had accomplished.

THE "GHOST" IN THE RIGGING.

A few years ago the watch on board one of the Atlantic liners complained to the captain that they were being nightly scared by a ghost which glided up the companion ladder, darted swiftly into the rigging, and disappeared from sight, appearing again on deck in a few minutes, and then vanished below. The captain, suspecting a trick, directed the sailors to take the following plan:—When night came two of them were to post themselves on deck on either side of the companion ladder with a rope stretched between them, which they were to manipulate so as to trip up anyone who might come up from below.

Close upon midnight, when nothing was heard on board the great liner but the muffled steady thrub-throb of her giant engines, a rustling, ghostly sound disturbed the stillness, and a gaunt, white figure appeared on deck, tripped over the rope, and fell heavily. The captain, who was hard by, ran forward, and flashed a lantern in the face of the prostrate man.

"Lord, preserve us!" he exclaimed. "It isn't poor old Mr. McAndrews?"

Mr. McAndrews was an old bachelor, who of late years had developed somnambulant propensities, and who was on his way out to friends in New York. It is needless to say that the utmost kindness was shown in him by all for the rest of the voyage.

THE MONK'S MIDNIGHT VISIT.

A strange experience, which almost ended in tragedy, once happened to a tourist in France; it vividly illustrates the irresponsibilities of somnambulism. The tourist had lost his way in a lonely part of the country, and sought and found shelter in a Benedictine monastery. The worthy monks were lavish in their hospitality, and invited him to pass the night in the monastery. In due course he retired to rest, but the strangeness of the situation hindered him from sleeping for some time.

Towards midnight, however, when he was just dozing off, he was startled on hearing shuffling footsteps in the corridor leading to his chamber. Then he observed a light streaming beneath the door, and a moment later the door was softly opened, and a tall monk entered with a candle in his right hand and clasping in his right a formidable-looking knife.

The traveller was then horrified to see the monk making straight for the bed on which he lay. Quickly slipping out of bed on the side that was farthest from the door and, crouching low, he awaited with beating heart the approach of the would-be assassin. The tall monk reached the bed, and glancing down upon it with fierce eyes, he lifted high the dreadful knife, and buried it thrice in the bedclothes. He then departed as he had come, to the intense relief of the scared traveller.

In the morning the tourist made enquiries, and found the monk whom the others addressed as Brother Mathew, had for some time been a sleep-walker, but not till very lately had the trouble taken the tragic turn that had so nearly cost the tourist his life.

As a matter of fact, terrible crimes have occasionally been committed while the perpetrators of them were fast asleep. An instance occurred some years ago on the Continent. One night a washerwoman named Caver was awakened by a severe blow on the shoulder. Starting up in alarm she was astonished to see her own son, standing over her with a knife in his hand. She was more astonished still to observe that he was sound asleep. Although she jumped out of bed and called for help, her son managed to stab her five or six times, and then he calmly went back to his own room and got into bed, totally unconscious of his terrible deed.

STRANGE INSTANCES OF PAINTING.

Even more strange in many respects are what might be termed the extraordinary intellectual achievements of sleep-walkers—achievements which were beyond their capacity when awake. Lessons have been learned and difficult problems solved in sleep; sermons have been written, songs composed, and pictures painted by somnambulists.

There is the well-authenticated case of a young artist of considerable promise who was engaged on a picture for the forthcoming Academy. Night after night he would leave his bed, dress, go to his studio, and paint away at his canvas for hours at a time, and every morning he would be amazed at the progress of his picture and the good work that had mysteriously been put into it. He had no recollection whatever of having done the work himself, and refused to believe his mother when at last she ventured to tell him the truth.

In another remarkable instance a lady artist had been commissioned to paint a portrait of herself for one of her patrons, but the result was so disappointing that she was driven to the point of despair. One night she left her bed, put on her dressing-gown, and, taking a mirror with her, went to her studio, where she worked with feverish haste for some hours. Her husband, awakening, missed her, and, going in search of her, found her in the studio, but was afraid to wake her. The following morning the lady was considerably astonished to find her task completed with a skill which she had never attained before. She had, as she said, when her husband told her the truth, painted far better in her sleep than awake!

A JOURNALISTIC COUP.

A "mystery of journalism" aptly describes what one can confidently term the strangest of all somnambulant achievements. An author had been requested to write an article on a very difficult subject. He tried again and again, and each time with such poor results that he flung his manuscript into the fire. At last he was obliged to confess to the editor that the task was beyond him.

A few days later he was amazed to receive a note from the editor thanking him in most complimentary terms for the very article he had been unable to write. Naturally, he thought the editor was indulging in a bit of "leg-pulling." But no such thing. When he went to the office the mysterious article was produced in his own handwriting, and as he confessed, it was quite the best piece of work he had ever done. He had no recollection whatever of having written it, and there is no doubt that he must not only have written it, but posted it, in his sleep.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LATEST LEAGUE TABLES.

DIVISION I.

Results to Saturday, April 1 (Inclusive).

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Liverpool	10	10	2	7	58	35	33
Manchester	10	9	3	8	48	38	31
Blackburn	10	7	9	4	40	38	28
Sheff. Wed.	10	6	12	7	47	40	24
Nottingham	10	6	12	8	48	40	24
Derby	10	5	11	4	38	38	21
Leeds	10	5	11	4	38	38	21
Sheff. Utd.	10	5	11	4	38	38	21
Cardiff	10	5	11	4	38	38	21
Blackburn	10	5	11	4	38	38	21
Middlesbrough	10	5	11	4	38	38	21
Nottingham	10	5	11	4	38	38	21
Birmingham	10	5	11	4	38	38	21
Sheff. Utd.	10	5	11	4	38	38	21
Oldham	10	5	11	4	38	38	21
Stoke	10	5	11	4	38	38	21

DIVISION II.

Results to Saturday, April 1 (Inclusive).

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Nottingham	10	10	10	4	37	46	40
Leicester	10	9	7	10	40	45	35
Blackpool	10	7	11	10	40	45	35
Fulham	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Bury	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Manchester	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Leeds	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
West Ham	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Barrow	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Wednesday	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Derby	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Sheff. Wed.	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Hull City	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Bradford	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
South Shields	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Port Vale	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Cray Palace	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Stockport	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Coventry	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Rotherham	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Clapton	10	6	10	10	41	44	31
Walsby	10	6	10	10	41	44	31

DIVISION III.

Results to Saturday, April 1 (Inclusive).

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bristol C.	10	10	9	6	37	35	31
Swansea	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Plymouth A.	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Brighton	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Weymouth	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Stockport	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Northampton	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Luton	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Portsmouth	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Swindon	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Queens P.R.	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Millwall	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Norwich	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Exeter	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Southend	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Reading	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Bristol R.	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Reading	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Merthyr	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Gillingham	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Aldershot	10	9	7	9	37	35	31
Newport	10	9	7	9	37	35	31

DIVISION III.

Results to Saturday, April 1 (Inclusive).

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Nelson	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Chesterfield	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Bradford	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Walsall	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Wigan	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Crewe	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Halifax	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Darlington	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Accrington	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Lincoln	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Stalybridge	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Wrexham	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Bochdale	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Southport	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Hartlepool	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Barrow	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Tranmere	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Grimsby	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Ashington	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Durham	10	10	3	7	30	33	31

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Results to Saturday, April 1 (Inclusive).

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Aberdeen	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Falkirk	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Celtic	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Glasgow	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Hearts	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
S. Mirren	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Dundee	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Ayr Utd.	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Kilmarnock	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Dundee Utd.	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Motherwell	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Morton	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Partick T.	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Third Lanark	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Hamilton	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Clyde	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Greenock	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Athorn B.	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Alloa	10	10	3	7	30	33	31

DIVISION I.

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Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Aberdeen	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Falkirk	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Celtic	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Glasgow	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
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Clyde	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Greenock	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Athorn B.	10	10	3	7	30	33	31
Alloa	10	10	3	7	30	33	31

DIVISION II.

Results to Saturday, April 1 (Inclusive).

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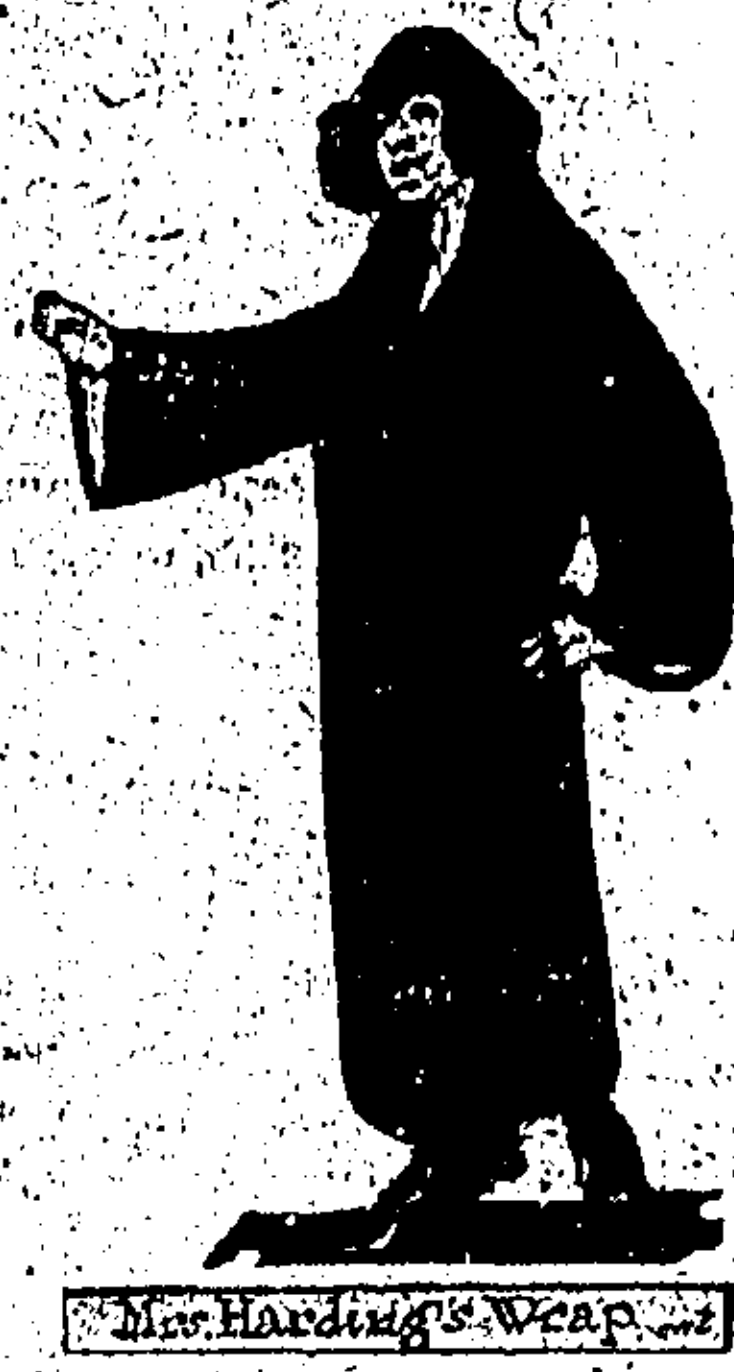
Chosen chairman of a committee appointed from 25 leading women's organizations throughout America representing 11,000,000 women. The committee was formed to help child refugees through the Near East Relief Committee.



The printing of the last Congressional Record, Uncle Sam's only daily newspaper, has just been completed. It has a daily circulation of 33,000, each Senator being allowed 90 copies. Each Representative can have 62 copies mailed to his constituents. During the last session of Congress 28,000 pages of words were printed in the Record, and since the First Congress more than 400,000 pages have been printed.



Colonel L. C. Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty, who introduced the annual budget for the Navy. The plans include special provision for the base at Singapore.



Almost recovered from her recent illness, Mrs. Warren G. Harding has just purchased this wrap from a New York shop. It is of Bourlain, with a shawl collar and sleeves of Canton crepe, embroidered with heavy cord and a wide tie effect.



Near East Relief worker, who led a party of 55 officers and men from a destroyer and directed the rescue of 600 Greek refugees when a building in which they were housed was destroyed by fire. She was officially commended by the commanding officer.



This is the first picture to reach England of the King of Siam and his bride, who is a member of the royal dancing ballet. The wedding was the occasion for much celebration among the Siamese.



Despite inclement weather, the mid-Leist festivities were held in Paris, after the usual cavalcade through the streets; to the City Hall. The "Bees" of the various Parisian districts elected Miss Genevieve Durant as the "Queen Bee," and the coronation was performed according to the traditional ceremony. The photograph shows a group of the "Bees" in the square before the City Hall, where the "Queen Bee" was crowned.

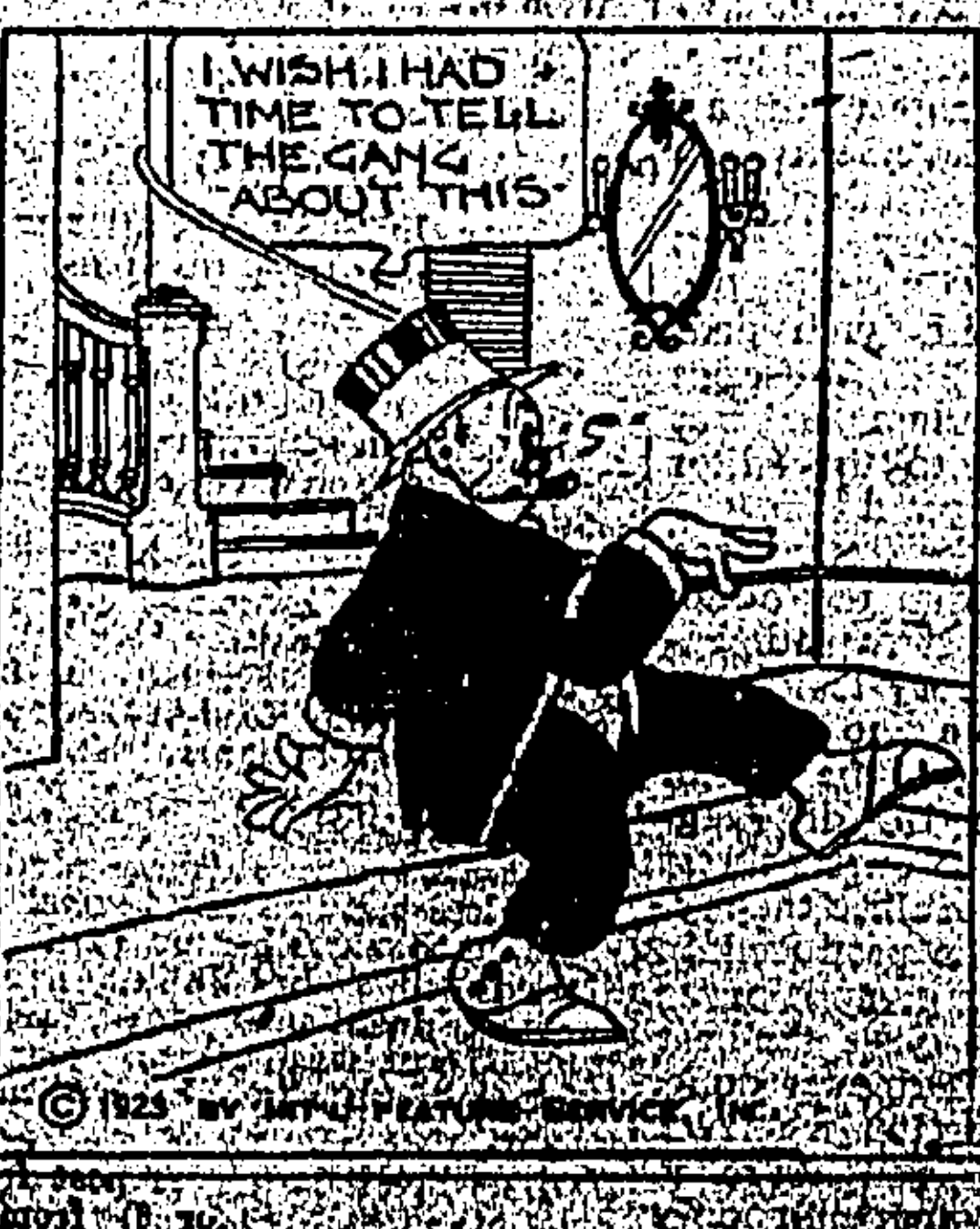
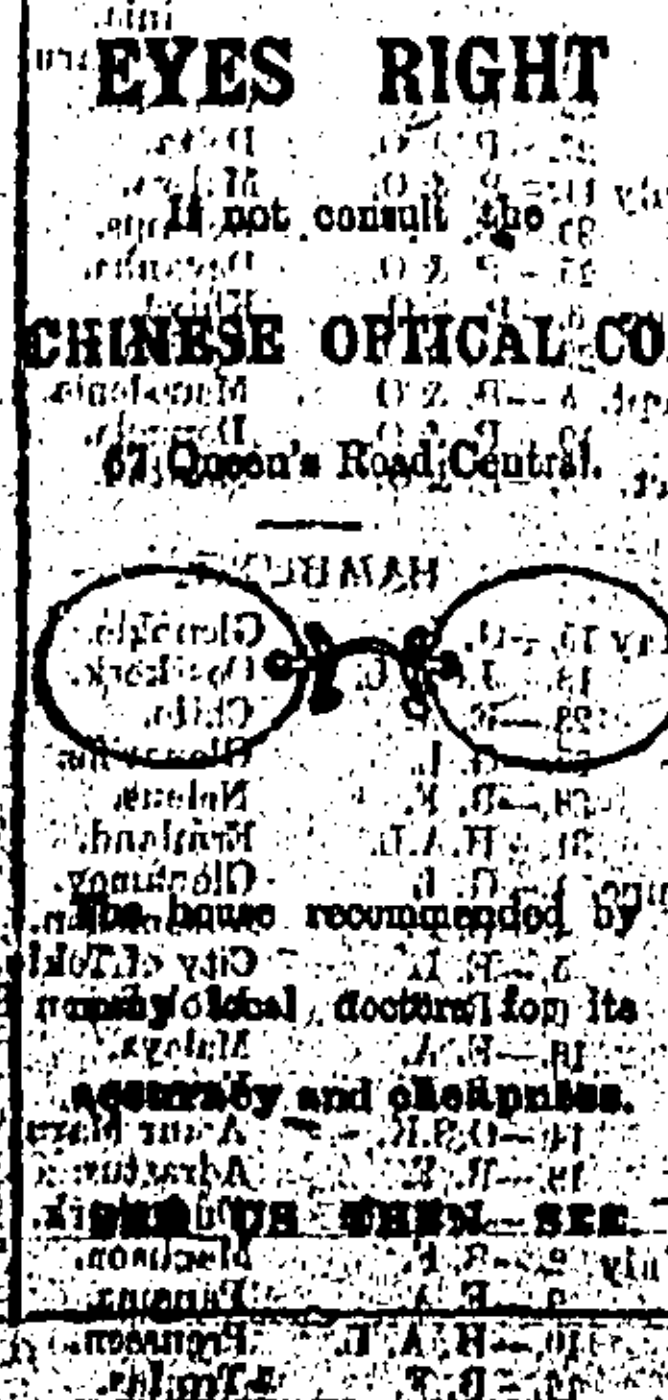


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LOOK POONG HAN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 24, 1921.

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General Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Loans granted on approved security.
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Deposits received at rates which ensure

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K. C. LAU,
Chief Manager
Hongkong, Aug. 17, 1920.

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k. T. NISHIYAMA
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